

Claims:

1. A user interface method in a browser application implemented in an Internet appliance for accessing information on the Internet, the Internet appliance having a display device and using a reduced-keyset user interface device for user input, the reduced-keyset user interface device having a plurality of keys consisting of direction keys, numeric keys, and a number of function keys, the method comprising:

displaying a user interface screen on the display device, the screen being divided into a primary screen area for displaying information and at least a first and a second control area, the first control area containing one or more mode icons for selecting a mode of the browser application, the second control area containing one or more command icons depending on the selected mode;

in a navigate mode, displaying a plurality of interface elements in the primary screen area, each interface element representing a web page, and accessing one of the web pages by invoking a command icon or an interface element in response to user input through the use of the reduced-keyset user interface device;

in a browse mode, displaying page contents of a web page in the primary screen area, the web page including one or more interface elements, and further displaying different page contents by invoking a command icon or an interface element in response to user input through the use of the reduced-keyset user interface device; and

in the navigate and/or browse mode, dynamically displaying indications that associate each of one or more command icons and/or interface elements with a key of the reduced-keyset user interface device, and invoking a command icon and/or interface element in response to user input through the use of the associated key.